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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DOUGLAS M. DILLON, ET AL.

Appn. No.: 10/054,681

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR SELECTIVELY
RETRIEVING INFORMATION
FROM A SOURCE COMPUTER
USING A TERRESTRIAL OR
SATELLITE INTERFACE

) Examiner:

) Group Art Unit: 2681

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please add new Claims 34 through 53 as follows:

--34. An apparatus comprising:

an interface for connecting said apparatus to a satellite receiver, the satellite receiver providing a satellite link to a network; and

an interface for connecting said apparatus to a modem, the modem providing a dial-up link to the network,

wherein selection between the satellite link and the dial-up link for transmitting data from the network to said apparatus is made in accordance with information in an IP header in a packet sent from said apparatus.

35. An apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein the information is an IP address.